

REMARKS

It is requested that the this amendment be entered since it places the application in condition for allowance and/or reduces the number of issues on appeal.

The foregoing amendment at page 7 of the specification deletes the recitation of "fibers" in connection with the ink layer. This recitation of fibers should have been deleted as part of the previous amendment deleting the description of certain additional embodiments.

Claim 47 has been canceled. Claim 35, directed to ink layers, is the only independent claim remaining in the application. All other pending claims depend directly or indirectly from claim 35.

The objection to the specification under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, is overcome for the reasons previously urged.

The rejection of claim 51 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, is overcome for the reasons previously urged in respect to the utility of impermeable layers.

The rejection of claims 35, 43, 46 and 51-59 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is overcome by the very citations urged by the Examiner. Specifically, the citations and the Examiner acknowledge that an ink layer is a layer of ink. The Examiner's further comments as to

the utility of the ink layer in the claimed invention have nothing to do with the definition of an ink layer.

Claim 47 has been cancelled.

The further rejections of claims 54 - 58 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, are believed deficient on their face. Applicant is entitled under 35 USC 112 to present claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention. That has been done herein.

The rejection of claims 35 and 43 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Allan et al. is in error for the reasons previously made of record. Further, as acknowledged by the Examiner herein, the claimed ink layer is a layer of ink, and Allan et al. never teach the same.

The further rejections of dependent claims 46 and 52-59 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Allan et al. in view of Furio et al. or Guarracino et al. are deficient for the same reasons as set forth above. The secondary references are cited in respect of their teachings relating to zeolites, and therefore, they do not cure the deficiencies of the primary reference.

For all of the foregoing reasons, all of the claims presently of record are in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

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